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(WMARC): ACCOUNTING FOR RADIOTELEGRAMS AND RADIO-

TELEPHONE CALLS

FOR EB/TD

1. SROMBERG/ FCC ATTENDED FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE 6 (C6) LAST WEEK, AS WELL AS THIRD AND FOURTH MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUP (WG) 6C. ELEVEN MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR WG 6C OF WHICH THREE SET FOR THIS WEEK.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOMPLISHMENT TO DATE IS ADOPTION BY C6. OF DRAFT RESOLUTION DEVELOPED IN WG 6C CALLING UPON CCITT TO STUDY SIMPLIFIED METHODS OF ACCOUNTING FOR MARITIME MOBILE (MM) PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE AND TO PROPOSE ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES ADAPTED TO NEW SERVICES AND METHODS OF OPERATION SUCH AS AUTOMATIC ACCESS BETWEEN SHIP AND SHORE AND DIRECT ACCESS BY TELEX AS WELL AS TELEPHONE FROM SUBSCRIBERS IN ONE COUNTRY TO SHIPS VIA COAST STATIONS IN ANOTHER. IN ADDITION ACCOUNTING FOR SATELLITE MM SERVICES IS TO BE CONSIDERED.

3. SLIGHT MAJORITY DEVELOPED IN WG 6C TO EXCLUDE

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MOBILE STATION CHARGES FROM MM ACCOUNTS. DRAFT RESO-

LUTION MENTIONED PARA TWO ABOVE INCLUDES FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR QUESTION TO CCITT: "WHAT AMENDMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF THE ACCOUNTING OF THE MARITIME MOBILE PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE TO IMPROVE PRESENT MENTODS INCLUDING ACCOUNTING FOR SHIP CHARGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS?" SAME DRAFT RESOLUTION "INVITES ADMINISTRATIONS AND RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH SUCH ACCOUNTING, PENDING THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, TO TAKE ALL STEPS CALCULATED TO MITIGATE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY ACCOUNTING FOR SHIP CHARGES." COMBINATION OF CALL FOR CCITT STUDY AND INVITATION TO ADMINISTRATIONS TO MITIGATE, PENDING RESULTS OF STUDY, INCONVENIENCE CASUSED BY PRESENT SYSTEM, APPEARS TO HAVE HEADED OFF PROPOSALS TO HAVE WMARC ACT, PRECIPTITOUSLY IN US VIEW, TO EXCLUDE MOBILE STATION CHARGES FROM MM ACCOUNTS.

4. CCITT STUDY LIKELY CONSIST OF JOINT EFFORT BY STUDY GROUPS I AND II. STUDY TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR SUBMISSION TO 1976 CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY, TO PERMIT FORWARDING OF RESULTS TO ADMINISTRATIONS BEFORE 1/1/77 FOR USE IN PREPARING FOR GENERAL WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FORESEEN FOR 1979.

5. IN ARGUING FOR STUDY BY CCITT VERSUS STUDY BY ITU SECRETARY GENERAL ASSISTED BY SELECTED ADMINISTRATIONS, AS PROPOSED BY ITU DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER, CCITT DIRECTOR CROZE PROMISED CCITT COULD MEET 1/1/77 DEADLINE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MM ACCOUNTING STUDY WILL IMPOSE AN APPRECIABLE UNATICIPATED WORKLOAD ON CCITT AND IT WOULD SEEM MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO HOLD A FIRST JOINT MEETING OF STUDY GROUPS I AND II (OR WORKING PARTY THEREOF) NO LATER THAN EARLY 1975.

6. WG 6C ENGAGED IN INSERTING DEFINITIONS IN THE INTRODUCTION TO ARTICLE 40 AND HAS SO FAR COVERED THE TERMS "LANDLINE CHARGES" AND "ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY." DEFINITIONS SEEM ACCEPTABLE. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ARTICLE 40 WILL BE BROADENED TO EMBRACE RADIOTELEX. NO. 2032 OF ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS (AR) BEING TRANSFERRED TO ARTICLE 40 OF UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO REGULATIONS (RR) BUT WG 6C DECIDED NOT TO TRANSFER NO. 2030 OR NO. 2071 IN VIEW OF US OPPOSITION.

7. DANISH PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE RR AND AR GOES BEYOND SIMILAR JAPANESE PROPOSAL. FORMER RESEMBLES US THINKING IN THAT IT WOULD TRANSFER MANY PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 40 OF RR AND AR TO CCITT RECOMMENDATIONS AND WOULD RESULT IN ABOLISHING THE AR. DENMARK'S PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE

CONSIDERED UNTIL WG 6C HAS COMPLETED REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSALS TO AMEND ARTICLE 40 OF RR AND ALL OF THE AR AND THERE IS NO INDICATION AS YET OF ITS FATE.

8. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH INFORM US CARRIERS OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS FOR THEIR USE IN DECIDING WHETHER TO SEND SPECIALIST-OBSERVERS ON ARTICLE 40 AND THE AR TO GENEVA. (TEXT OF PROPOSED DEFINITION OF ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY PASSED INFORMALLY TO GENEVA OFFICE OF ITT WORLD COM AND THENCE TO NY OFFICE. RCA AND POSSIBLY ATT INFORMED BY ITT NY OFFICE.) THOUGH WE SEE NO SPECIFIC NEED FOR PRESENCE OF SUCH SPECIALISTS AT THIS STAGE, COMPANIES MIGHT WISH ALERT SPECIALISTS FOR TRAVEL ON SHORT NOTICE.

9. MISSION WILL CABLE DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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